

Umetco Minerals Corporation

M/037/025



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Mr. Paul Baker
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
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Re: **Variance Request, Deremo-Peterson Mine, Permit Number M/037/025**

Dear Mr. Baker:

The Deremo-Peterson mine was inspected by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM) on March 9, 2005. A DOGM report dated March 21, 2005, with a map was sent to Umetco Minerals Corporation (Umetco). The map details the location of the ore pad and shows the area of the ore pad as 0.98 acres.

Umetco requests a variance from revegetation for the area of the ore pad, 0.98 acres. The area was primarily rock outcrop prior to mining operations, and because the area was bare rock it was used as an ore pad during mining operations. During reclamation of the site, Umetco scraped up as much mine related material as possible and covered the area with approximately six (6) inches of soil. Revegetation is expected to be marginal because of the shallow soil layer. Because the area was originally rock outcrop and will not support diverse vegetation with a high cover density, Umetco requests a variance for the area because of the influence of bedrock conditions on vegetation development.

Sincerely,

W. R. Junge
Mines Reclamation Manager

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